



Course syllabus

Faculty of Social Sciences

Department of Criminology and Police Work

1KR220 Rättspsykologi i utredningar 2, 7,5 högskolepoäng

1KR220 Investigative Psychology 2, 7.5 credits

Main field of study

Criminology, Police Work

Subject Group

Other Subjects within Social Science

Level of classification

First Level

Progression

G1F

Date of Ratification

Approved by Faculty of Social Sciences 2022-12-12

The course syllabus is valid from autumn semester 2023

Prerequisites

1KR120 Investigative Psychology 1, 7.5 credits or 1KR121 Investigative Psychology 1, 7.5 credits, or the equivalent.

Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students shall be able to:

- account for the PEACE model
- account for the main legal aspects of how a police interrogation is conducted
- account for common interrogation techniques and discuss how and when they should be applied
- account for different kinds of witness confrontations and how these are carried out
- describe the main aspects of criminal profiling and geographic profiling.

Content

The aim of the course is to provide advanced knowledge of criminal investigations, particularly focusing on police interrogations and witness psychology.

The students are given the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of psychological and legal aspects of the police interrogation, and the level of scientific knowledge

concerning the interrogation techniques cognitive interviewing, strategic use of evidence and the Scharff technique.

Knowledge within the field of psychology of memory and perception, acquired in *Investigative Psychology I* is enhanced and applied in this course.

An introduction is also provided to the investigation methods criminal profiling and geographic profiling.

Type of Instruction

Teaching takes place in the form of lectures and seminars.

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

Examination of the course objectives takes place by means of a written take-home exam comprising 6.5 credits, and by a seminar comprising 1 credit.

In order to receive a grade of Pass in the course, the course objectives must be attained. For a grade of Pass with Distinction in the course, it is required that the take-home exam is assessed as Pass with Distinction.

A retake of the examination is provided in accordance with the Local Regulations for First-Cycle and Second-Cycle Courses and Examination at Linnaeus University.

Should the university determine that a student is entitled to special educational support due to impairment, the examiner may provide the student with an adapted test or the student may carry out the examination in an alternative way.

Course Evaluation

A course evaluation is carried out either during or at the end of the course. Results and analysis of the evaluation are presented to the students who have completed the course as well as to new students at the following course date. The course evaluation is conducted anonymously.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Kronkvist, Ola. (Latest edition). *Polisförhör. Metoderna, forskningen och lagen*. Malmö: Gleerups. (Appr. 250 pages).

Scientific publications and compendiums are also included and provided by the department (ca. 350 pages).